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1. PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL ANNOUNCED NOV 18 THAT GON WILL PRESS
EEC PARTNERS TO AGREE TO ASK BUSINESS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE
COUNTRIES TO STOP ALL NEW INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND TO
LIMIT EXPORT CREDIT GUARANTEES FOR TRADE TO A MAXIMUM OF
ONE YEAR. IF THE EEC DOES NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND AGREE
TO WORK TOWARD ENDING NEW INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA, SAID
DEN UYL, GON WILL ASK DUTCH FIRMS TO STOP NEW INVESTMENTS THERE.

2. NETHERLANDS MEASURES IN FORCE-DUTCH EXPORT CREDIT GUARANTEES
FOR TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA ARE ALREADY LIMITED TO THE SHORT
TERM, FOLLOWING THE SOWETO RIOTS A YEAR AGO, FOREIGN MIN-
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ISTER VAN DER STOEL INFORMED DUTCH BUSINESSMEN THAT INVESTMENTS
IN SOUTH AFRICA WERE RISKY. A DUTCH ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH
AFRICA REMAINS IN EFFECT (REFTEL).

3. FURTHER NETHERLANDS MEASURES-GON PLANS TO END SUBSIDIES TO
KLM AIR FARES OF DUTCH EMIGRANTS TO SOUTH AFRICA. DUTCH NATIONALS
IN SOUTH AFRICA WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO RETAIN NETHERLANDS CIT-

IZENSHIP IF THEY ENTER STATE SERVICE IN SOUTH AFRICA, AS THEY HAVE BEEN ENTITLED UNDER SPECIAL DUTCH LEGAL PROVISIONS UP UNTIL NOW.

4. COMMENT: THESE MEASURES INDICATE NARROW MARGIN FOR PRESSURES GON CAN MARSHALL AGAINST SAG. THEY DO, HOWEVER, REFLECT WIDELY HELD PUBLIC AVERSION TO SAG'S RACIAL POLICIES. MCCLOSKEY

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